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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Linda T. Romano

Application No.: 09/976,394

Group No.: 2826

Filing Date: October 12, 2001

Examiner: V.A. Mandala

For: "SPRING STRUCTURE WITH STRESS BALANCING LAYER"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
- EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

- FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 24-0037.


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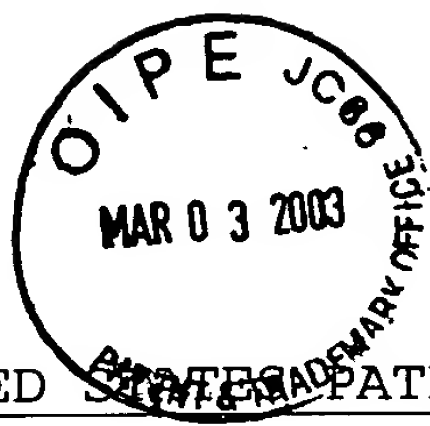
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.